

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 10, 11, 16, 24-26, 31, 40 and 41, and add claims 46-57 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method for sending and receiving electronic messages, said method comprising:

displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device to deliver an electronic message;

drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation on said display device; and

drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically contacts said graphic directional indicator; and

performing a function associated with said graphic directional indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said drawing of said graphic directional indicator includes drawing an arrow to said graphic representation on said display device.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying of said graphic representation includes displaying a network address.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying of said graphic representation includes displaying a graphic object that comprises at least one network address.

1 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said drawing of said graphic
2 directional indicator includes drawing said graphic directional indicator that intersects
3 at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said drawing of said graphic
2 directional indicator includes drawing said graphic directional indicator that
3 substantially encircles at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said performing of said function
2 includes saving said graphic element to send as part of said electronic message.

1 8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein said graphic element is a graphic
2 object in a computer operating environment.

1 9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said performing of said function
2 includes saving a system state of a computer operating environment in which said
3 graphic directional indicator was drawn to send as part of said electronic message.

1 10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 ~~drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically~~
3 ~~contacts said graphic directional indicator;~~
4 associating a user-entered graphic object with said second graphic
5 directional indicator; and
6 designating said user-entered graphic object as a title for said
7 electronic message.

1 11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 ~~drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically~~
3 ~~contacts said graphic directional indicator;~~
4 associating a user-entered command with said second graphic
5 directional indicator; and
6 modifying a sending operation of said electronic message according to
7 said user-entered command.

1 12. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising graphically moving a
2 password object to said graphic element to secure said graphic element.

1 13. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying an entry
2 representing said electronic message and graphically moving a password object to
3 said entry to secure said electronic message.

1 14. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising sorting received
2 electronic messages based on a password object used to secure some of said received
3 electronic messages.

1 15. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying an entry
2 representing said electronic message and displaying a duplicate of said graphic
3 element in said entry, said duplicate having same properties of said graphic element
4 such that said duplicate can be used in the same manner as said graphic element.

1 16. (currently amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly
2 embodying a program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method
3 steps for sending and receiving electronic message, said method steps comprising:
4 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
5 to deliver an electronic message;
6 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
7 on said display device; and
8 drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically
9 contacts said graphic directional indicator; and
10 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
11 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
12 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message.

1 17. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said drawing of said
2 graphic directional indicator includes drawing an arrow to said graphic representation
3 on said display device.

1 18. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said displaying of said
2 graphic representation includes displaying a network address.

1 19. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said displaying of said
2 graphic representation includes displaying a graphic object that comprises at least one
3 network address.

1 20. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said drawing of said
2 graphic directional indicator includes drawing said graphic directional indicator that
3 intersects at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 21. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said drawing of said
2 graphic directional indicator includes drawing said graphic directional indicator that
3 substantially encircles at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 22. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said performing of said
2 function includes saving said graphic element to send as part of said electronic
3 message.

1 23. (original) The storage medium of claim 22 wherein said graphic element is a
2 graphic object in a computer operating environment.

1 24. (currently amended) The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said
2 performing of said function includes saving a system state of a computer operating
3 environment in which said graphic directional indicator was drawn to send as part of
4 said electronic message.

1 25. (currently amended) The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising:
2 ~~drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically~~
3 ~~contacts said graphic directional indicator;~~
4 associating a user-entered graphic object with said second graphic
5 directional indicator; and
6 designating said user-entered graphic object as a title for said
7 electronic message.

1 26. (currently amended) The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising:
2 ~~drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically~~
3 ~~contacts said graphic directional indicator;~~
4 associating a user-entered command with said second graphic
5 directional indicator; and
6 modifying a sending operation of said electronic message according to
7 said user-entered command.

1 27. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising graphically
2 moving a password object to said graphic element to secure said graphic element.

1 28. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising displaying an
2 entry representing said electronic message and graphically moving a password object
3 to said entry to secure said electronic message.

1 29. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising sorting received
2 electronic messages based on a password object used to secure some of said received
3 electronic messages.

1 30. (original) The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising displaying an
2 entry representing said electronic message and displaying a duplicate of said graphic
3 element in said entry, said duplicate having same properties of said graphic element
4 such that said duplicate can be used in the same manner as said graphic element.

1 31. (currently amended) A system for sending and receiving electronic messages,
2 said system comprising:

3 a display device that can display a graphic representation of a
4 destination of an electronic message, a graphic directional indicator and a graphic
5 element;

6 a module configured to send said graphic element as part of said
7 electronic message when said graphic directional indicator is drawn on said display
8 device to said graphic representation, a second graphic directional indicator that
9 graphically contacts said graphic directional indicator is drawn on said display device
10 and a function associated with said graphic directional indicator is activated; and
11 a network interface connected to a computer network, said network
12 interface being configured to transmit said electronic message to said destination
13 through said computer network.

1 32. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic directional indicator
2 includes an arrow to said graphic representation.

1 33. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic representation includes
2 a network address.

1 34. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic representation
2 comprises a graphic object that includes at least one network address.

1 35. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic directional indicator is
2 drawn to intersect at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 36. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic directional indicator is
2 drawn to substantially encircle at least one graphic object displayed on said display
3 device.

1 37. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to save
2 said graphic element to send as part of said electronic message.

1 38. (original) The system of claim 37 wherein said graphic element is a graphic
2 object in a computer operating environment.

1 39. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to save a
2 system state of a computer operating environment in which said graphic directional
3 indicator was drawn to send as part of said electronic message.

1 40. (currently amended) The system of claim 31 wherein said module is further
2 configured to include a graphic object associated with a said second graphic
3 directional indicator that graphically contacts said graphic directional indicator as a
4 title for said electronic message.

1 41. (currently amended) The system of claim 31 wherein said module is further
2 configured to include modify a sending operation of said electronic message
3 according to an entered command associated with a said second graphic directional
4 indicator that graphically contacts said graphic directional indicator.

1 42. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to secure
2 said graphic element when a password object is moved to said graphic element.

1 43. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to secure
2 said electronic message when a password object is moved to an entry representing
3 said electronic message.

1 44. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to sort
2 received electronic messages based on a password object used to secure some of said
3 received electronic messages.

1 45. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to
2 display a duplicate of said graphic element in an entry representing said electronic
3 message, said duplicate having same properties of said graphic element such that said
4 duplicate can be used in the same manner as said graphic element.

1 46. (new) A method for sending and receiving electronic messages, said method
2 comprising:
3 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
4 to deliver an electronic message;
5 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
6 on said display device; and
7 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
8 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
9 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message,
10 wherein said drawing of said graphic directional indicator includes
11 drawing said graphic directional indicator that substantially encircles at least one
12 graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 47. (new) A method for sending and receiving electronic messages, said method
2 comprising:
3 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
4 to deliver an electronic message;
5 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
6 on said display device;
7 graphically moving a password object to said graphic element or an
8 entry representing said electronic message to secure said graphic element or said
9 electronic message; and
10 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
11 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
12 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message.

1 48. (new) A method for sending and receiving electronic messages, said method
2 comprising:
3 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
4 to deliver an electronic message;
5 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
6 on said display device;
7 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
8 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
9 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message; and
10 sorting received electronic messages based on a password object used
11 to secure some of said received electronic messages.

1 49. (new) A method for sending and receiving electronic messages, said method
2 comprising:
3 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
4 to deliver an electronic message;
5 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
6 on said display device;
7 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
8 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
9 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message; and
10 displaying an entry representing said electronic message and
11 displaying a duplicate of said graphic element in said entry, said duplicate having
12 same properties of said graphic element such that said duplicate can be used in the
13 same manner as said graphic element.

1 50. (new) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a
2 program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for
3 sending and receiving electronic message, said method steps comprising:
4 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
5 to deliver an electronic message;
6 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
7 on said display device; and
8 graphically moving a password object to said graphic element or an
9 entry representing said electronic message to secure said graphic element or said
10 electronic message,
11 wherein said drawing of said graphic directional indicator includes
12 drawing said graphic directional indicator that substantially encircles at least one
13 graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 51. (new) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a
2 program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for
3 sending and receiving electronic message, said method steps comprising:
4 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
5 to deliver an electronic message;
6 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
7 on said display device;
8 graphically moving a password object to said graphic element or an
9 entry representing said electronic message to secure said graphic element or said
10 electronic message; and
11 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
12 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
13 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message.

1 52. (new) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a
2 program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for
3 sending and receiving electronic message, said method steps comprising:
4 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
5 to deliver an electronic message;
6 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
7 on said display device;
8 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
9 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
10 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message; and
11 sorting received electronic messages based on a password object used
12 to secure some of said received electronic messages.

1 53. (new) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a
2 program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for
3 sending and receiving electronic message, said method steps comprising:
4 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
5 to deliver an electronic message;
6 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
7 on said display device;
8 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
9 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
10 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message; and
11 displaying an entry representing said electronic message and
12 displaying a duplicate of said graphic element in said entry, said duplicate having
13 same properties of said graphic element such that said duplicate can be used in the
14 same manner as said graphic element.

1 54. (new) A system for sending and receiving electronic messages, said system
2 comprising:
3 a display device that can display a graphic representation of a
4 destination of an electronic message, a graphic directional indicator and a graphic
5 element;
6 a module configured to send said graphic element as part of said
7 electronic message when said graphic directional indicator is drawn on said display
8 device to said graphic representation and a function associated with said graphic
9 directional indicator is activated; and
10 a network interface connected to a computer network, said network
11 interface being configured to transmit said electronic message to said destination
12 through said computer network,
13 wherein said graphic directional indicator is drawn to substantially
14 encircle at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 55. (new) A system for sending and receiving electronic messages, said system
2 comprising:
3 a display device that can display a graphic representation of a
4 destination of an electronic message, a graphic directional indicator and a graphic
5 element;
6 a module configured to send said graphic element as part of said
7 electronic message when said graphic directional indicator is drawn on said display
8 device to said graphic representation and a function associated with said graphic
9 directional indicator is activated; and
10 a network interface connected to a computer network, said network
11 interface being configured to transmit said electronic message to said destination
12 through said computer network,
13 wherein said module is configured to secure said graphic element or
14 said electronic message when a password object is moved to said graphic element or
15 an entry representing said electronic message.

1 56. (new) A system for sending and receiving electronic messages, said system
2 comprising:
3 a display device that can display a graphic representation of a
4 destination of an electronic message, a graphic directional indicator and a graphic
5 element;
6 a module configured to send said graphic element as part of said
7 electronic message when said graphic directional indicator is drawn on said display
8 device to said graphic representation and a function associated with said graphic
9 directional indicator is activated; and
10 a network interface connected to a computer network, said network
11 interface being configured to transmit said electronic message to said destination
12 through said computer network,
13 wherein said module is configured to sort received electronic messages
14 based on a password object used to secure some of said received electronic messages.

1 57. (new) A system for sending and receiving electronic messages, said system
2 comprising:
3 a display device that can display a graphic representation of a
4 destination of an electronic message, a graphic directional indicator and a graphic
5 element;
6 a module configured to send said graphic element as part of said
7 electronic message when said graphic directional indicator is drawn on said display
8 device to said graphic representation and a function associated with said graphic
9 directional indicator is activated; and
10 a network interface connected to a computer network, said network
11 interface being configured to transmit said electronic message to said destination
12 through said computer network,
13 wherein said module is configured to display a duplicate of said
14 graphic element in an entry representing said electronic message, said duplicate
15 having same properties of said graphic element such that said duplicate can be used in
16 the same manner as said graphic element.